

the Doha Declaration, an agreement that allows countries flexibility under WTO rules to provide for public health. Although the administration signed the Doha Declaration, USTR has completely ignored Congress' directive to respect it.

Every trade pact negotiated since 2002 has contained stringent intellectual property rules sought by the major drug companies. By keeping medicine prices high, these rules increase industry profits but restrict access to needed medicines for citizens in developing countries. Even in current free trade negotiations, USTR continues to ignore the will of Congress to respect the Doha Declaration.

That is why a new framework for trade must include a stronger role for Congress. The current model of non-binding negotiating objectives permits the President to ignore the wishes of this Congress.

It is no surprise that the administration has favored large corporate interests at the expense of American workers, the environment and global health. But it is wrong. However, our new majority in Congress will respond to workers who have been hurt by previous trade agreements. After all, trade agreements have affected my home State of Maine's manufacturing, farming and service sectors.

Soon Congress may be asked to consider renewing fast track authority. I voted against the Trade Act of 2002, which granted fast track authority to the President. I urge my colleagues to reject renewal of fast track in its current form. It is vital that Congress continue to press for change, firmly and constructively.

#### INJUSTICE AGAINST FORMER U.S. BORDER PATROL AGENTS RAMOS AND COMPEAN CONTINUES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today is the 69th day since a great injustice took place in this country. On January 17, 2007, two U.S. Border Patrol agents entered Federal prison to begin serving 11 and 12 year sentences, respectively.

Agents Compean and Ramos were convicted last spring for shooting a Mexican drug smuggler who brought 743 pounds of marijuana across our border into Texas. These agents never should have been prosecuted. The U.S. Attorney's Office prosecuted the agents and granted immunity to the drug smuggler, who claimed he was unarmed. The illegal drug smuggler received full medical care in El Paso, Texas, was permitted to return to Mexico, and is suing the Border Patrol for \$5 million for violating his civil rights. Madam Speaker, he is not an American citizen. He is a criminal.

Madam Speaker, it is ironic that one of the Federal prosecutors dismissed by

the Justice Department, who never should have been terminated, was criticized for not doing more to try cases of illegal immigration. Yet we have a Federal prosecutor in western Texas, Johnny Sutton, who, instead of prosecuting an illegal alien, who was also a known drug smuggler, decided to give immunity to the illegal alien drug smuggler and prosecuted the two Hispanic-American border agents who tried to apprehend the smuggler.

Madam Speaker, this makes absolutely no sense. Johnny Sutton also prosecuted another law enforcement agent, Deputy Sheriff Gilmer Hernandez. Hernandez was recently sentenced to a year in jail for shooting the tires of a car transporting illegal aliens after the driver attempted to escape a routine traffic stop by aiming the vehicle at the deputy. Hernandez was charged with violating the civil rights of one of the passengers, an illegal Mexican national, who was struck in the lip by bullet or metal fragments.

Citizens across this country and many of us in Congress want to know why does the U.S. Attorney's Office in western Texas choose to go after law enforcement officers while protecting the illegal aliens who commit crimes?

The President has the power to immediately reverse this injustice by granting a pardon to these two men, who were doing their jobs to protect the American people. But, so far, the President has refused to stand up for justice in this case.

Madam Speaker, I hope the White House will agree with many of us in Congress who believe Mr. Sutton's actions in prosecuting these agents raises serious questions and need to be investigated.

I thank House Judiciary Chairman JOHN CONYERS and his staff for their interest in this situation involving the two border agents, who should have been commended instead of indicted. I am hopeful that the House, under the leadership of JOHN CONYERS, will soon hold hearings to look into this injustice.

#### NEW POLLS REGARDING VIEWS OF IRAQI PEOPLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, several new polls looking at the opinions of the Iraqi people were released. It is important that we heed this call and that we listen to their choices, because it has been 4 years.

Some frightening stories were illuminated by the new polls. For example, one in four Iraqi adults have had a family relative murdered in the last 3 years, while 23 percent of those living in Baghdad have had a family relative kidnapped in the last 3 years.

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More than half of Iraqis have a close friend or relative who has been hurt or

killed in the current violence. One in six say someone in their own household has been harmed. Eighty-six percent worry about a loved one being hurt, two-thirds worry deeply. Huge numbers limit their daily activities to minimize risk. Seven in 10 report multiple signs of traumatic stress. The number of Iraqis who describe their lives as good has dropped from 71 percent 3 years ago to under 40 percent today.

This is shameful, Madam Speaker. Every day the evidence against President Bush's so-called war plan mounts. It makes one wonder if there is even a plan at all. How much of the Bush Iraq policy has been forced on the Iraqi people? How much real involvement have the Iraqi people had in deciding the future of their own country. How are the Bush policies affecting Iraqi families?

I voted against the authorization to go to war. And Madam Speaker, I say to my colleagues, whether they voted "yes" or "no," now is the time to make a change in direction. Let us empower the Iraqi people; let us restore their sovereignty.

Last week, I had the opportunity to testify before the Foreign Affairs Committee about my legislation, H.R. 508, the Bring the Troops Home and Restoration of Iraq Sovereignty bill. This bill is a comprehensive proposal. It has 49 cosponsors, and it will end the occupation of Iraq within 6 months of enactment. It will accelerate the training and equipping of Iraqi military and security forces, preparing the Iraqis to take over their own security after U.S. troops and contractors leave at the end of the 6 months. It will fully fund the health care commitment to our returning veterans. It will make veterans health care an entitlement, something they deserve because, for heavens sakes, they have done so much for us.

Additionally, the legislation revokes the President's Iraq war powers, it prevents establishment of permanent bases in Iraq, and it returns the oil rights to the Iraqi people. Actually, it gives Iraq back to the Iraqis.

Madam Speaker, our most solemn obligation is to the brave and capable men and women who have been placed in harm's way. This legislation, as I said, guarantees physical and mental health care for U.S. veterans of military operations in Iraq and other conflicts. It is the least we can do. It is the very least we can do to show the gratitude of a grateful Nation.

H.R. 508 will fulfill our commitment to our Nation's brave troops and to the Iraqi people. The polls here and the polls in Iraq are clear: it is time to bring our troops home.

To those who are watching and wondering about the future of our Iraq policy, I say I will not stop, I will not rest, and I will not back down in my fight until every single last soldier and marine is home safe with his or her family.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.